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4.1*Office Memorandum* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, Coordination, Operations and Policy Staff DATE: 13 December 1949

FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Comments on your memorandum dated 2 December 1949 - subject: Particular Intelligence Questions Requiring Coordination or Attention

1. Reference para 5 of subject memorandum, "Exploitation of Foreign Nationality Groups and Individuals", the following action has been taken:

STAT a. Foreign Radio Broadcasts Within the U. S.: A recent survey shows that 131 radio stations in the U. S. broadcast to Foreign Nationality Groups in 39 languages. Authorized transmitter power is so low that only 5% of these stations covering 10 languages, can [redacted] The foreign intelligence potential of these stations is considered of such little value that, even if NSCID No. 6 were amended to permit coverage, the diversion from foreign broadcasts is considered uneconomical.

b. Foreign Language Publications Within the U. S.: Whereas the foreign intelligence potential of the 733 publications was considered negligible during the war years, a continuing survey shows an increasing tendency to employ foreign correspondents which enhances their intelligence potential. At present six publications of this type receive regular screening.

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2. Reference para 7 of subject memorandum, it is suggested that:

a. The first sentence of paragraph should read, "This subject has been under consideration by the interested agencies for over a year."

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